etmore, William Boerum, Maj.
[Allenhurst, NJ]

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See notes on front.]

(from Major Wetmore)

F. W. & J. V. Chapman

1348 Pine St. Phila Pa

Wetmore, William Boerum Maj.

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[I enclose the new metric coin scale, that I am very anxious to get collectors to adopt, for your examination...]

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15 Waverly Place
New York City
Decr 23d 1878

Messrs J. H. & H. Chapman,

Dear Sirs,

I enclose the new metric Coin Scale, that I am very anxious to get Collectors to adopt, for your Examination & also mail to you a metric chart which will explain itself. A number of dealers & Collectors have already adopted it & I hope you will also see its advantage over the arbitrary scales now in use. The metric system within a few years will be our only system & then we will be in conformity with the rest of the world in a decimal system of weights & measures, like our money. This scale is in millimeters, which are constructed on purely scientific principles; it is a decimal scale & also

an International one, and therefore much better for Collectors than either of our old scales. Besides, the numbers of the ~~millimeter~~ sizes of the coins correspond to the numbers of the millimeters on the scale, so that the size of a coin is the number of millimeters in its diameter.

Again, all countries using the metric system measure the diameters of their coins in millimeters, so that by our adopting this scale, we use the same that all these countries use in their mints.

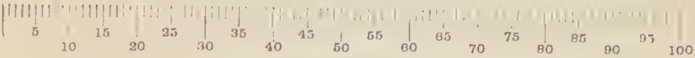
This is a great advantage over the arbitrary scales of Mionnet & the 16th inch scale. The $\frac{1}{16}$ inch scale is as bad as Mionnet as its unit is entirely arbitrary. It is not divided decimally & when the size of a coin is given, it has to be divided by 16 in order to find its diameter.

I hope you will see the advantage of this scale & should you adopt it or be willing to print it in your catalogues, I will send you an electrotype of it.

Yours truly

Wm. B. Wetmore

The Metric Scale for Measuring Coins.



(*Millimeters.*)

Scale of sixteenths of an inch reduced to metric scale (approx.).

(Sixteenths.)	(Metric.)	(Sixteenths.)	(Metric.)	(Sixteenths.)	(Metric.)
Size 1 =	Size 2	Size 23 =	Size 37	Size 44 =	Size 70
" 2 =	" 3	" 24 =	" 38	" 45 =	" 71
" 3 =	" 5	" 25 =	" 40	" 46 =	" 73
" 4 =	" 6	" 26 =	" 41	" 47 =	" 75
" 5 =	" 8	" 27 =	" 43	" 48 =	" 76
" 6 =	" 10	" 28 =	" 44	" 49 =	" 78
" 7 =	" 11	" 29 =	" 46	" 50 =	" 79
" 8 =	" 13	" 30 =	" 48	" 51 =	" 81
" 9 =	" 14	" 31 =	" 49	" 52 =	" 83
" 10 =	" 16	" 32 =	" 51	" 53 =	" 84
" 11 =	" 17	" 33 =	" 52	" 54 =	" 86
" 12 =	" 19	" 34 =	" 54	" 55 =	" 87
" 13 =	" 21	" 35 =	" 56	" 56 =	" 89
" 14 =	" 22	" 36 =	" 57	" 57 =	" 90
" 15 =	" 24	" 37 =	" 59	" 58 =	" 92
" 16 =	" 25	" 38 =	" 60	" 59 =	" 94
" 17 =	" 27	" 39 =	" 62	" 60 =	" 95
" 18 =	" 29	" 40 =	" 63	" 61 =	" 97
" 19 =	" 30	" 41 =	" 65	" 62 =	" 98
" 20 =	" 32	" 42 =	" 67	" 63 =	" 100
" 21 =	" 33	" 43 =	" 68	" 64 =	" 102
" 22 =	" 35				

This scale is in millimeters (the $\frac{1}{1000}$ part of a meter, which is the International Unit of length). It is not only a decimal scale, but it gives us an international scale, as all countries using this system measure the diameters of their coins by it.

The scale of sixteenths of an inch has been reduced to the metric to enable collectors, having their collections sized by the old system, to make the change without trouble.

The scale was first reduced to hundredths of a millimeter, and then approximated by throwing out fractions below $\frac{1}{2}$ and increasing those above to the next unit.

W. B. WETMORE.

NEW YORK, April, 1878.

The Metric Scale for Measuring Coins.

(Millimeters.)

Scale of Mionnet reduced to metric scale (approx.).

(Mionnet.)	(Metric.)	(Mionnet.)	(Metric.)	(Mionnet.)	(Metric.)
Size 1 =	Size 8	Size 8 =	Size 44	Size 15 =	Size 64
" 2 =	" 14	" 9 =	" 47	" 16 =	" 67
" 3 =	" 21	" 10 =	" 49	" 17 =	" 70
" 4 =	" 25	" 11 =	" 54	" 18 =	" 73
" 5 =	" 29	" 12 =	" 56	" 19 =	" 76
" 6 =	" 33	" 13 =	" 59	" 20 =	" 85
" 7 =	" 42	" 14 =	" 62		

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W. B. WETMORE.

NEW YORK, April, 1878.

Complimen'
W . Wetmore

1 inch	equals	0.0254	meter,	or about	$2\frac{1}{2}$ centimeters.
1 foot	"	0.3048	"	"	30 "
1 YARD	"	0.9144	"	"	$\frac{10}{11}$ OF A **METER.**
1 mile	"	1609.	"	"	$1\frac{6}{10}$ kilometers.
1 U.S. liquid / dry **QUART**	"	0.946 1.101	liter, "	or rather less / more than	**1 LITER.**
1 U. S. gallon	"	3.785	"	or about	$3\frac{8}{10}$ liters.
1 U. S. bushel	"	35.24	"	"	$\frac{4}{11}$ of a hectoliter.
1 avoirdupois / Troy & apothecaries' ounce	"	0.02835 0.03110	kilogram, "	or rather less / more than	30 grams.
1 avoirdupois **POUND**	"	0.45359	"	or about	$\frac{5}{11}$ OF A **KILO.**
1 long ton (2240 pounds)	"	1016.05	"	"	1 metric ton.

Later in the same report, with words prophetic of what we are evidently soon to see, Mr. Adams says: "If man upon earth be an improvable being; if that universal peace which was the object of a Saviour's mission, which is the desire of the philosopher, the longing of the philanthropist, the trembling hope of the Christian, is a blessing to which the futurity of mortal man has a claim of more than mortal promise; if the spirit of evil is, before the final consummation of things, to be cast down from his dominion over men, and bound in the chains of a thousand years, — the foretaste here of man's eternal felicity, — then this system of common instruments to accomplish all the changes of social and friendly commerce will furnish the links of sympathy between the inhabitants of the most distant regions; *the meter will surround the world in use as well as in multiplied extension;* and one language of weights and measures will be spoken from the equator to the poles."

Nearly every other nation of Europe having led the way Russia is about adopting the Metric weights and measures. The special committee which is sitting at St. Petersburg, at the head-quarters of the Russian Imperial Technical Society, have not only come to the conclusion that such an innovation would be useful, but have also emphatically declared that the present is the fitting moment for the introduction of the Metric System. They think that the change ought to be accomplished within two years. It is a remarkable fact that Americans, with all their boasted readiness to adopt labor-saving inventions, and having led the world in use of a decimal currency, should be one of the very last nations of the globe to adopt what John Quincy Adams, in his official report, pronounces the greatest invention of human ingenuity since that of printing, and a greater labor-saver than steam.

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NEW YORK
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S. H. & H. Chapman
2043 Tower Street
Philadelphia
Penna

Wetmore, William Boerum, Maj. April 24, 1903

Allenhurst - N.J.
April 24 - 03

Messrs. S. H. & H. Chapman -
1348. Pine St. Philadelphia.

Dear Sirs -

Enclosed is check for 75¢ for which please send me a priced catalog of your sale of April 16th & 17th

Yours truly

Wm. Boerum Wetmore

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Messrs. J. H. & W. Chapman
1348. Pine Street
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Wetmore, William Boerum April 2[illegible], [illegible]

S. H. & H. Chapman.
1348 Pine Street
Phila Pa.

Dear Sirs - Major Wetmore expected to come on to Phila. but is now sick in bed - Can you give him any idea - about what price the 1827 quarter dollar will probably bring - He wishes you to send him

two of the St Louis
Fair pieces - He does
not know - if they are
dollars or half dollars.

Yours truly.

Katharine B. Wetmore.

Allenhurst. New Jersey.
April 25-04.

Wetmore

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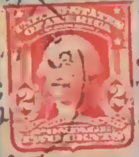

S. H. & H. Chapman
1348 - Pine Street
Philadelphia -
Pa.

Wetmore, William Boerum, Maj.

[2 telegrams, 2 dates, 1 envelope]

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A129Ny. SS RA45 Paid. 1012-Am.

Allenhurst NJ., Apl 27. 04.

S H & H Chapman,

1348 Pine St, Philada.

Bid up to thirty dollars each on five eighteen and five nineteen, also up to thirty dollars on either five twenty four or five, twenty. five on five twenty seven, up to ten dollars on the twenty seven quarter up to three hundred and ten.

Wm. Boenum Wetmore.

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519	70.
527	30.
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RECEIVED at S. W. Cor. 10th and Chestnut Sts., Phila. Apl 28 1904

Dated Allenhurst NJ 28

To S.H. And H. Chapman C/o Davis & Harvey
1112 Walnut St.

Cannot pay that price for gold remember I do not offer three ten for quarter but you can bid up to that price on it as I understand should a bid of mine hold it at two five I take it at latter price Wm Barnum Witmer.

'T REDUCED RATES.

MONEY ORDERS BY TELEGRAPH.

Form 1529.

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S. H. & H. Chapman

No. 38 c/o Davis & Harvey

1112 Walt St

PAID.

Wetmore, William Boerum Maj.

[The letter and bid sheet are most likely of the same date. The letter refers to the bid sheet, despite the bid sheet having a "June 3 date. This may be a mistake.]

[Letter is very fragile.]

Allenhurst N.J.
July 3rd 04

S. H. & H. Chapman
1348 Pine St. Philadelphia.

Dear Sirs –

I send you two sheets filled out with bids for the auction sale coming off on July 7th & 8th.
I am bidding for the Gobrecht field, not that I really want it for there is really no difference between them & the other except position of the word, but it seems to be necessary to make a collection complete & I expect to get the '38, '52 & '58. My collection is complete in every date, except the last few years which I will get from you. I think varieties are carried to extreme. When one of the old eagles has on the reverse a large heraldic eagle with a shield & the other an ordinary spread eagle the variety is so marked it really makes a different piece. Likewise eagles 4 stars facing or 6 stars or dimes of 97, 13, 15 & 16 stars, but when it comes to two pieces exactly similar except five berries on the leaf in one & six in another, it seems absurd to pay a large price for the other variety. Of the 1795 dollars Randall made a specialty. He bought every one he could & had 22 varieties named Randall No 1 – No. 2 &c. Of course he had many duplicates & of those remaining I got from him 7 varieties. As his collection is ... I ... have the largest set. ...

here & there
three or stars near & stars off the [illegible] these labels
[illegible] lost even from the minute descriptions I have
I believe it would take me a week to relabel
them. In fact when you saw a piece you
cannot tell whether the one you saw is say star
near the bust or star off the bust unless you
also saw the other variety to compare whether it
is nearer or farther than the other
as I have put my bids considerably higher than
I expect the pieces will bring so as to give
you plenty of latitude.

You sent me a letter after I saw you in
Philadelphia, giving me the prices for proof
sets of silver from 1882 to 1904 inclusive.
I added it up & think it came to some $80-
I was going to send for them but found in drawing
the check that my bank account was too low & now I
have lost the letter. I have hunted everywhere &
cannot find it. If this is about the price
of the sets I will take them & wish with
them you would give me another list & the
price for each date. Since '82 I have not
been getting my proof sets, nor collecting much
except a few foreign pieces when abroad. &
I now want to make my silver complete to
date. How I missed the '65 gold set I
never knew. Have discovered it till long after.
I suppose it was because gold was at such
a very high premium. It was running from
to nearly 300. I see I paid or rather they
Haldeman for me, $101.25 in currency for
the gold & silver proofs of 1864. [illegible]

[illegible] the '65 is more a reference as the
[illegible] is calculated on the currency basis of [illegible]
or a currency basis of today or year [illegible]

[illegible] want a priced catalogue of this sale –
[illegible] am going away the middle of the week to
visit some friends at Narragansett Pier & then
[illegible] to inspect some automobiles & shall
be gone a week – I wish you would keep these
pieces for me until I write on my return –
I mail you an article I wrote for the local
paper here by request which may interest you
[illegible] this patriotic season of the year – I should
be very glad to put both of you gentlemen
down as members – Everybody around here belongs
to it. The Mayor & Mrs. Wetmore are on the
Executive Committee.

Yours very truly

Wm. Boerum Wetmore

If you drop me a line say on Saturday or Sunday
letting me know what I will owe you
[illegible] send [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
my return

B.

7 day 3 mo 6 1904

Messrs S. H. & H. Chapman.

1348 PINE STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Please execute the following bids at a sale to be held in Philadelphia on the 7 & 8th July 1904

The bids are at so much each piece.

Priced Catalogues are cash with order

NO	BID	REMARKS	NO	BID	REMARKS
451	22.50		529	3.50	
			538	25.00	I want this piece
456	12.00	much worked? (456, 460, 468)	556	4.00	
460	8		557	3.00	
468	8		558	3.00	
			559	3.00	
480	15.00		560	3.00	
487	20.00	I want this piece	561.	3.00	
503	8.00		562	3.00	
504	8.00		563.	3.00	
505	6.00		564	3.00	
506	8.00				
507	7.00				
508	7.00				
509	7.00				
510	7.00				
513	10.00				

(Written sideways beside 503–513:) If I get all these $3. pieces my collection will be complete so I expect them [illegible] not expect they will go so high

(Written sideways beside 538–564:) If I get all these $1.00 pieces my collection will be complete, so I expect them, altho' I do not expect they will go so high

Yours Respectfully,

[illegible]

Day 3 mo 6 1904

Messrs S. H. & H. Chapman.

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Priced Catalogues are cash with order

NO	BID	REMARKS	NO	BID	REMARKS
634	$ 120.00 ✓				
635.	140.00 ✓				
652	45.00 ✓	Hardly expect this price			
658	40.00 ✓	a high bid ought to get it prob 30 say			
714	180 00 ✓				
830	2.50 ✓				
835	7 00 ✓				
853	25.00 ✓				
854	25.00 ✓				
860	45.00 ✓				
878	.75 ✓				
900	5.00 ✓				
908	10.00 ✓				
1115	5.00 ✓				
1123	2.00 ✓				

Yours Respectfully,

[illegible]

Return

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S. H. & H. Chapman –
1348. Pine Street.
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7th month 7th, 1904

Mr. W. B. Wetmore,

Dr. to S. H. & H. Chapman

PROOF SETS

1885, - - - - - - - - - -	4	25
1886, - - - - - - - - - -	4	
1887, - - - - - - - - - -	4	
1888, - - - - - - - - - -	4	
1889, - - - - - - - - - -	4	50
1890, - - - - - - - - - -	4	75
1891, - - - - - - - - - -	4	
1892, - - - - - - - - - -	4	
1893, - - - - - - - - - -	4	
1894, - - - - - - - - - -	4	
1895, - - - - - - - - - -	4	50
~~1896,~~ - - - - - - - - -	~~4~~	
1897, - - - - - - - - - -	4	
1898, - - - - - - - - - -	6	50
1899, - - - - - - - - - -	6	50
~~1900, - - - - - - - - - -~~	~~4~~	
1901, - - - - - - - - - -	3	75
1902, - - - - - - - - - -	3	75
1903, - - - - - - - - - -	3	25
1904, - - - - - - - - - -	2	50
	83	25

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10 75
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3 95
32 75
14 25
$18.50

Wetmore, William Boerum, Maj.

Telegram.

["Thanks for beauties."]

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Allenhurst Depot N.J. Aug 5 1904

S.H.R.H. Chapman

1348 Pine St. Philada.

Box received all right will mail check today thanks for beauties

W.Boerum Wetmore

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PAID. 1348 Pine

Wetmore, William Boerum, Maj. August 27, [illegible]

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S. H. & H. Chapman

1348 Pine St

Philadelphia

Pa

Wetmore, William Boerum, Maj.

W. B. WETMORE
ALLENHURST NEW JERSEY

Aug 30-94

S. H. & H. Chapman.

Philadelphia Pa..

Your letter of Aug 29th-
received - Major Wetmore has
placed same upon my
desk, to be answered -
As regards Major Wetmores
collecting any more Coins -
I frankly state that He

has often spoken about
disposing of the collection
as it is a great care.
and I do not desire
him to add any further
Coins - nor has he any
inclination to do so -
and his means will not
permit such an outlay.

Yours truly.

Katherine R. Holmes.
(Mrs W.B. Holmes)

Mrs Wetmore

No amt

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PHILADELPHIA, PA. REC'D
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N.J.

J. H. & H. Chapman,
1348. Pine Street.
Philadelphia,
Pa.

Wetmore, William Boerum, Maj.

Allenhurst. N.J.
Oct 24th '04

Messrs. S. H. & H. Chapman.
1435 Pine St. Phil^a Pa.

Dear Sirs =

I received the coins all right. The bill enclosed is for $124.$\frac{30}{100}$ & I have added $25 for the proof double eagle of 1862 you offer. Making altogether $149.$\frac{30}{100}$ & send you my check for $75 & a draft to your order for $74.$\frac{30}{100}$

Eagle of 1821 - which I presume
is better than yours as it
is Catalogued as uncirculated -
very fine =

Yours truly

Wm Boerum Wetmore

Wetmore W. B.
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Ans'd

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N.J.

S. R. & H. Chapman.

1438. Pine Street

Philadelphia.

Penna

Wetmore, William Boerum

Allenhurst, N.J.
Oct 30th '04

Messrs. S.H. & H. Chapman
1348. Pine Street.
Phila. Pa.

Dear Sirs -

The 1862 Double Eagle arrived safely. While acknowledging my check for the 62 & the pieces bought, you did not return the receipted bill for Oct 20th sale & I am therefore unable to enter the prices paid for the various lots. If the bill is lost, merely send me the prices for

in the Sale for my Lots –

Yours truly –

[illegible]

Helmore

Ucu 10/28/04

PHILADELPHIA REC'D OCT 3 3 30 PM 1904

OCT
1902
N. J.

Messrs. S. H. & H. Chapman.

1438. Pine Street.

Philadelphia

Penna.

Wetmore, William Boerum, Maj.

December 14, 1904

December [illegible]

[4 pages, 3 items, 2 dates, 1 envelope]

Allenhurst - N.J.
Dec: 14 = '04

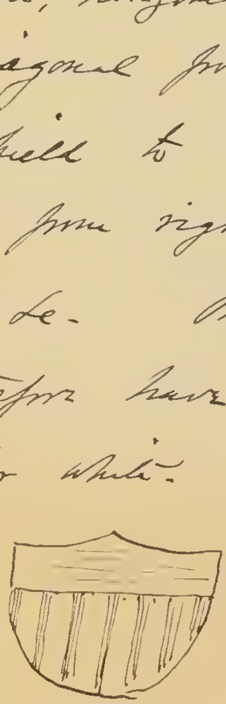
Messrs S.H. & H. Chapman
1348. Pine St. Philadelphia.

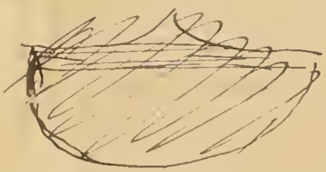
My Dear Sirs =

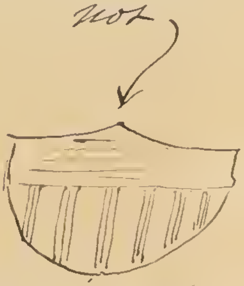
I beg to thank you for the 1884 3 cent nickel you sent me which was left out in the set. When I opened the set & laid them in a drawer I noticed this piece was not with the others, but thought that the issue had ceased & did not discover it for several days afterwards when I had catalogued them & put them with the others in their own drawer. Was going to write you when your piece came - I find that I have only the 1904 Philippine set. Did not know of 1903 until you spoke about it the other day. If the proofs of '03 are as cheap as the '04. I would rather get a set than bid for Lot 617. If you have more let bid 617

Stand. The Bryan dollar was made
by the Gorham Mfg Co in New York (if this
Lot 342. is the Same piece) I got two
at the time. but they were never with the
Collection & seem to have got lost in
moving. I enclose a few bids.
In looking at the U.S. Shield on the Phillipine
Pesos I see it is wrong like all the
Coats of the Shields of American gold &
Silver of all denominations, the only exceptions
I find so far, ~~[illegible]~~ as I looked
through the other day, being the Eagles of 1797,
and 1798. i.e. 7 red & 6 white stripes. The
following year 1799. the shield was changed
to ~~[illegible]~~ 7 white & 6 red & has continued so
ever since & all other denominations have
done so also. None ever having as I can
see the Shield of the Eagle of 1798 =
Shields & Heraldry are very old, & have
their own peculiar signs & meanings & when
a new one is invented for a new Country,
its Coat of Arms should be modeled on
the rules existing for centuries. The U.S.
Ensign as we all know has 7 red & 6 white

Stripes. The outside ones of course being red. The Shield of course is the same only with perpendicular stripes, 7 red & 6 white. Outside ones of course red. In heraldry, & (in engraving) a plain surface, signifies white, horizontal lines blue, perpendicular lines red, diagonal from upper left hand corner of Shield to lower right hand corner, green & from right to left diagonal, purple & c. The shading on the Shield should therefore have 7 shaded vertical stripes for red & 6 plain for white to be correct, thus not

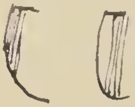






I suppose without thinking or knowing, the shading was only done to represent stripes & not colors, to distinguish them & make 13 — but the shading is for red, as the horizontal (correct) is for blue. The only reason I can see for this first change is that it makes the stripes plainer. When the red shaded stripe is on the outer edge

of the shield the outer line marking the shield is not so distinct as you will see by referring to some of the smaller pieces. thus



the line of shield in the first place runs into the shading, while it does not if it is separated by an open space. Still this is all wrong & I cannot imagine how it has run on so for so many years.

In haste for the mail, lest the bid get in late –

Yours very truly

Wm Boerum Wetmore

Have you a price list of the medals issued by the Mint or do they ~~xxx~~ have them on application. I mean for the Presidential or Peace medals & the naval battles?

A long description was in the New York Herald of Sun. Dec: 4th

W.

What were the dates of those eleven Eagle proofs you showed me the other day?

14th mo 12 1904

Messrs S. H. & H. Chapman,

1348 PINE STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Please execute the following bids at a sale to be held in Philadelphia on the 16th of Dec. 1904

The bids are at so much each piece.

Priced Catalogues are cash with order

NO	BID	REMARKS	NO.	BID	REMARKS
342	$2.00 ✓				
345	4.50				
439	1.25 ✓				
443	1.25 ✓				
446	1.25 ✓				
447	1.25 ✓				
450	1.25 ✓				
617	2.60 ✓	If proofs are not Common			
618	1.30 ✓				

Yours Respectfully,

[illegible signature]

Allenhurst - N. J.
Dec: 15th 04
1.30. P.M.

Messrs S. H. & H. Chapman -
1348. Pine St. Philadelphia.

My dear Sirs -

Yours of 14th received this morning -
This will go out at 3.30 so will need
a quick delivery to be received tonight.
I will bid $5.00 on the 1/2 dime - Lot 345. Mills
only bought 4.00 - I make the bid in case it should go low.
Lots - 447, 450, & 618 I will raise each
to $2.00 - As you say you have 1903
Philippine set in proof for $3.00 I will
take it & you can strike out bid
for lot 617 -
I do not know what the 1/2 dollars in
copper of 1877 are to which you refer.
What I asked about was what were
the dates of the Eagles you showed me.
There were eleven proofs -

About the shields on U.S. Coins I
would prefer that my letter be not shown
as that one was scratched off [illegible]

hurry & I would prefer to write you another
on that subject alone & in a little
better language. When I saw in a
paper a picture of the new peso
I dictated a letter to a type writer
with some others she was writing, to
the Director of the Mint, calling his
attention to this point about the
shield. The letter was not as
clear as it might have been owing
to several errors & I laid it by to
be recopied & forgot it until too late
to send for this issue. In seeing you
lately this subject came up & I will
write another letter, that is plainer.

Yours very truly

Wm. Boerum Wetmore

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